

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.       *(original)* A process for limiting weight gain in a cat comprising the step of feeding said cat a pet food composition comprising a source of protein, a source of fat, and a source of carbohydrates from a grain source that excludes rice.
2.       *(original)* A process as claimed in claim 1 In which feeding said cat said pet food composition decreases the postprandial blood glucose and insulin response of said cat as compared to when feeding a rice-based diet.
3.       *(original)* A process as claimed in claim 1 in which feeding said cat said pet food composition promotes satiety.
4.       *(original)* A process as claimed in claim 1 in which feeding said cat said pet food composition promotes a voluntary decrease in food intake.
5.       *(original)* A process as claimed in claim 4 in which said cat is a male cat.
6.       *(original)* A process as claimed in claim 1 in which said pet food composition is fed ad libitum.
7.       *(original)* A process as claimed in claim 1 in which said grain source is a low glycemic index grain source.
8.       *(original)* A process as claimed in claim 7 in which said grain source has a glycemic index that is less than rice.
9.       *(original)* A process as claimed in claim 7 in which said low glycemic index grain source is selected from the group consisting of corn, sorghum, barley, oats, and blends thereof.
10.      *(canceled)* A process as claimed in claim 9 in which said low glycemic index grain source comprises a blend of corn and sorghum.

11. *(canceled)* A process as claimed in claim 10 in which the ratio of corn to sorghum is from about 1:5 to about 5:1.
12. *(canceled)* A process as claimed in claim 10 in which the ratio of corn to sorghum if from about 1:3 to about 3:1.
13. *(canceled)* A process as claimed in claim 10 in which the ratio of corn to sorghum if from about 1:1.
14. *(original)* A process as claimed in claim 9 in which said low glycemic index grain source comprises a blend of corn, sorghum, and barley.
15. *(original)* A process as claimed in claim 14 in which the ratio of corn to sorghum to barley is from about 1:1:5 to about 1:5:1 to about 5:1:1.
16. *(original)* A process as claimed in claim 14 in which the ratio of corn to sorghum to barley is from about 1:1:3 to about 1:3:1 to about 3:1:1.
17. *(original)* A process as claimed in claim 14 in which the ratio of corn to sorghum to barley is about 1:1:1.
18. *(canceled)* A process as claimed in claim 9 in which said low glycemic index grain source comprises a blend of corn, sorghum, and oats.
19. *(canceled)* A process as claimed in claim 18 in which the ratio of corn to sorghum to oats is from about 1:1:5 to about 1:5:1 to about 5:1:1.
20. *(canceled)* A process as claimed in claim 18 in which the ratio of corn to sorghum to oats is from about 1:1:3 to about 1:3:1 to about 3:1:1.
21. *(canceled)* A process as claimed in claim 18 in which the ratio of corn to sorghum to oats is from 1:1:1.

22. (original) A process for limiting weight gain in a cat comprising the step of feeding said cat a pet food composition comprising from about 25 to about 45% crude protein, from about 4 to about 30% fat, from about 2 to about 20% total dietary fiber, and a source of carbohydrates from a grain source that excludes rice.
23. (original) A process as claimed in claim 22 in which feeding said cat said pet food composition decreases postprandial blood glucose and insulin response of said cat as compared to when feeding a rice-based diet.
24. (original) A process as claimed in claim 22 in which feeding said cat said pet food composition promotes satiety.
25. (original) A process as claimed in claim 22 in which feeding said cat said pet food composition promotes a voluntary decrease in food intake.
26. (original) A process as claimed in claim 25 in which said cat is a male cat.
27. (original) A process as claimed in claim 22 in which said pet food composition is fed ad libitum.
28. (original) A process as claimed in claim 22 in which said grain source is a low glycemic index grain source.
29. (original) A process as claimed in claim 28 in which said grain source has a glycemic index that is less than rice.
30. (original) A process as claimed in claim 28 in which said low glycemic index grain source is selected from the group consisting of corn, sorghum, barley, oats, and blends thereof.
31. (canceled) A process as claimed in claim 30 in which said low glycemic index grain source is selected from the group consisting of a blend of corn and sorghum, a blend of corn, sorghum, and barley, and a blend of corn, sorghum, and oats.

32. *(canceled)* A process as claimed in claim 31 further comprising from about 1 to about 11 weight percent of supplemental total dietary fiber of fermentable fibers which have an organic matter disappearance of 15 to 60 weight percent when fermented by fecal bacteria for a 24 hour period.